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Strong Presence at Hearing Vital to Irrigation Project

Tentative March 22 Date Set



A group of 27 eastern Montana citizens traveled by bus to demonstrate to the court the critical nature of the Intake diverson project at the injunction hearing in 2015. Pictured L to R: Tony Barone, Greg Anderson, Steve Pust, Don Steinbeisser Jr., Leslie Messer, Kristin Kennedy, Tracy Garland, Kim Nollmeyer, Dale Danielson, Katie Dasinger, Mark Iversen, Conrad Conradsen, Russ Fullmer, Hugo Asbeck, Jerry Bergman, Cody Fulton, Brad Franklin, Cathy Kirkpatrick, Mike Francingues, Shane Gorder, Tim Fine, Wade Whiteman, Doug Voll. Scott Staffanson and Greg Breuer.

By Dianne Swanson

Although the date has not yet been confirmed, the judge in Great Falls who is deciding the fate of the fish bypass and diversion dam at Intake, has set a date of March 22 for a hearing on the motion filed by the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to allow completion of the project. The plaintiffs in the case have asked to have that date postponed until April 5.

Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project is happy that the judge will be making his decision before the April 15 deadline, which is critical in moving forward with the project to ensure funds are

In his deliberations, the judge must consider whether the injunction requested by the plaintiffs will harm the community.

Therefore, a strong showing of support from the local community will be critical in convincing the judge that he needs to protect the

needs of this community over the wishes of others in the U.S. The more people who can attend the hearing, the more

impact it will have on the judge's decision. LYIP is arranging buses to go to Great Falls and will notify the public as soon as the date is set. Meals will also be provided. Project manager James Brower emphasized the need for participation from all aspects of the region, stating, "This is the most critical hearing we will have due to the April 15 deadline."

Participants will not be allowed to wear their yellow t-shirts. Attire must be appropriate for court, helping the judge to recognize and respect the needs of our local community.



Timber Auto Body owners Nick Polivka (left) and Jason Marmon.

Watford City's Newest Body Shop

Timber Auto Body in Watford City opened its doors in Dec. 2016 to fulfill a need for professional auto body service in the area. Owners Jason Marmon and Nick Polivka have over 20 vears of combined experience.

Marmon and Polivka work on everything auto body, from windshields & rock chips to sand blasting and fiberglass work. Timber Auto body has a complete paint line with a brand new paint booth arriving soon. They will work on any type of vehicle from compact cars to big rig trucks.

Marmon is a Watford City native and is the son of Linda & Larry Marmon. His father owned Marmon Auto Body in Watford City for many years.

Polivka is from Nebraska and has lived in Watford City for seven years. He is married to Watford City native Amy Sanford.

Timber Auto Body is located at 2004 12th St. SE. south of the Hwy 85 bypass off 125th St. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Call them today at 701-444-2834 for

Savage's Soda Rice Heading to Washington, DC

By Stephanie Ler

Savage High School sophomore Soda Rice will be heading to Washington, DC, for a week this June to represent Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative on the Youth Tour.

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program has convened high school sophomores and juniors in Washington, DC, for more than 70 years. Students are selected by their local electric cooperative to gather together and learn the importance of electric cooperatives to their communities, in addition to touring the nation's monuments and meeting elected officials. The trip is fully funded by the Cooperative, and winners are selected based on their answers to an essay prompt. This year, the prompt asked students to defend why they should be chosen to represent the Cooperative.

Soda was encouraged to submit an essay by past winners and fellow Savage Warriors Trey Bloesser and Owen Nelson. "I went to Great Falls with Trey's family, and he said it was cool to go to the meeting and he was really excited about it and he said I should really apply. Owen had nothing but good things to say, too. They were very supportive and encouraging," Soda said.

She submitted an essay that explained her background in the community, how she was involved in school activities, and what a great experience it would be to attend the tour. "A small town has a lot to offer but to be able to go out and see the urban environment would be nice. I wanted to experience city life and how great it is to talk to people of different cultures. 1700 kids get to go so you get to meet so many people," Soda said of the opportunity. Soda was selected as the first-place winner.

Soda will meet up with more than 20 other students from around Montana in Great Falls later this spring, and head to Washington, DC, in June, for a week. There, she will tour the

nation's monuments, as well as other cooperatives. Though this is not the first time she has been away from her family, it is the first time she will be quite so far away, but wasn't nervous about the prospect. "I have faith that the chaperones will take good care of us," she said.

In addition to exploring the monuments and learning about cooperatives, Soda said she is "most excited about meeting new, life-long friends. I'm really excited to learn, and I'm excited to meet people and keep in touch with them for the

next thirty years". Though this will be her first activity with the Cooperative, she is grateful for the opportunity, and she said, "It's really amazing how involved the Cooperatives are with teens". In addition to the trip, Soda received a \$1000 scholarship for college, sponsored by Lower Yellowstone REC.

Soda Rice

Currently, Soda participates in volleyball, track, and basketball, and is active in 4-H year-round. In the summers, she works on her grandparents' ranch and is a hostess at the Rod Iron in Sidney. Though she has no set plans yet for college, she hopes to pursue a basketball scholarship. Soda is the daughter of Park Rice, Sidney and Staci Rice, Savage.

Check out our website roundupweb.com for coverage on:

Fairview Boys Basketball Photos

Sidney Plane Folks Indoor Fun Fly and Static Show

This event will be held 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Sunday, March 26 at the Sidney-Richland Airport, hosted in the Big Top hangar. This is free to the public so come and enjoy!

The Static Show will include aircraft of all sizes and makes. No entry fee for models to be entered in the show. There is also no limit on the class; they may be electric, gas or glow fuel powered.

It is a Fun Fly event that includes flight of micro models designed for indoor flight. There will be open flying for AMA Member pilots. There will also be contests to test the skills of pilots. Special guest will include Civil Air Patrol, weather permitting.

Fees include, AMA members pilot, \$15; lunch available for \$5 and drinks available for \$1 each.

Come and watch the fun! Or if you're interested in becoming a pilot, there will be aircraft available at the event for purchase from Prairie Unique of Terry, Montana. The Sidney Plane Folks will welcome new members and are willing to assist in training new pilots throughout the summer at our flying field out on the Lost Highway (Hwy 261). Come enjoy the time to visit.

Support Local Boys & Girls Club Healthy Snack Funds

By Michele Seadeek

Submitted by the Richland County Nutrition Coalition

Boys & Girls Club of Richland County is the premier after school program for our community's youth. It is estimated nearly 24% of children are food insecure and unsure how their next meal will be provided. Boys & Girls Club of Richland County is partnering with the Richland County Nutrition Coalition and Reynolds Market to combat this problem.

The Club provides fun and engaging programming and structured supervision to emphasize healthy eating options for our members. The Richland County Nutrition Coalition and Reynolds Market hold an annual Healthy Food Drive each March to support over 100 Club members to receive healthy snacks and meals every day Club is open. These 100 kiddos consume over 22,000 healthy snacks every year!! The program significantly impacts youth who may not get the quality nutrition they need after school or throughout the summer months.

Without this wonderful annual drive the Club would be in great need for quality, healthy snacks and nutritious summer meals for all of its members. Stop by Reynolds Market in March to donate to the Richland County Nutrition Coalition annual healthy snack drive and ensure every Boys & Girls Club child knows where their next meal can come from.

For more information on the Boys & Girls Club of Richland County, visit http://www.richlandbgc.org/. The Richland County Nutrition Coalition is proud to partner with Reynolds Market to support the Boys & Girls Club. For recipes and information, like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/1rcnc1 or follow us on Pinterest at www.pinterest.com/1rcnc1.

Foundation For Community Care Now Accepting 2017 Healthcare Grant Applications

In May the Foundation for Community Care's volunteer Board of Directors will provide financial support for local healthcare. Each year the Foundation is able to offer grants by distributing a portion of the earnings from its Endowment Fund.

Ensuring the Continuance & Quality of Local Healthcare Services is the mission of the Foundation for Community Care. "Each year, we strive to achieve that goal", stated Gina Heckey, executive director. "We are extremely fortunate to have great quality healthcare in our area and by providing grants for health and medical equipment, services, and programs we can help keep it that way."

Organizations with an immediate need directly related to quality health or medical care (present and future) of Richland County and surrounding areas are encouraged to apply for a grant by contacting the Foundation for Community Care at (406) 488-2273. Applications are also available at the office or on our website at www.foundationforcommunitycare.org.

Requests for funding must be related to a project or equipment that will benefit healthcare for a large number of residents in the Richland County and surrounding area, not medical funding for an individual. Applications must be received by the Foundation by 4:30pm on April 28, 2017, to be considered.



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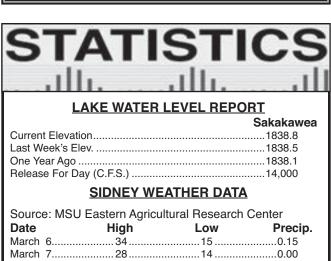
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Ann Bauman, 95 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Ann Bauman, 95, of Sidney were held at 2 p.m., Monday, March 13 at Peoples Congregational Church in Sidney with Pastor Neil Lindorff officiating.

Interment was in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 12 and one hour before service at the church. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared

with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Ann died on Tuesday afternoon, March 7 at Sidney Health Center Extended Care, Sidney, MT.

Melvin Walz, 80 Sidney, MT

Funeral services for Melvin Walz, 80, of Sidney, MT were held at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 11 at Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in Sidney, MT.

Inurnment will follow at a later date.

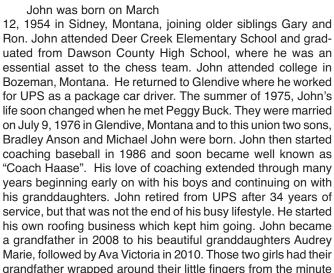
Remembrances, pictures and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Melvin died on March 6 at Sidney Health Center.

John Arlyn Haase, 62 Glendive, MT

John passed away peacefully on March 11, 2017 at his home in Glendive, Montana.

Memorial services will be held 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 16 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, and the funeral is 10 a.m., Friday, March 17 at Our Savior Lutheran Church.



John Arlyn Haase

he met them and they became the loves of his life. John was a very active member in his church as well as a revered member of the community where he served on many boards and committees. In 2015 John fulfilled one of his lifelong dreams and bought his bar. With much hard work and dedication his dream started to unfold right before his eyes. John's outgoing personality and contagious laugh will not be forgotten. His lust for life will live on forever. "Hee, Hee"

John was preceded in death by his mother and father, Fred and Loraine Haase and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Johnny and Marie Buck.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy "Peg", of Glendive; two sons, Brad and Mike, both of Glendive; two brothers, Gary Haase and his wife Lynn of Sherwood, Oregon and Ron Haase and his wife Tammy of Sidney, Montana; one sister Sue Atwell of Glendive; two granddaughters, Audrey and Ava and numerous nieces and nephews.

Edgeman Wanted by Authorities

On February 20, 2015 a Bench warrant was issued out of Seventh Judicial District Court in Richland County Montana for Kimberly Dawn Edgeman for Contempt of Court -- Failure to Appear for her Scheduling Conference, with original charge of Driving while under the influence of Alcohol, a felony. Crimestoppers would like to remind everyone that it is a crime to knowingly harbor a person that is wanted by a law enforcement agency.

Kimberly Dawn Edgman is 52 years of age, White Female, 5'4", 110 lbs with brown eyes and brown hair. The



Kimberly Dawn Edgeman

subject failed to appear a at Scheduling Conference that was set for in Seventh Judicial District Court; hence a warrant failure to appear was issued. The Bench Warrant for her arrest was issued on February 20, 2015 in the District Court with \$25,000.00 being set by the Judge. Kimberly Dawn Edgeman was born in Idaho, is known to have lived in Idaho, Neveda, North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana but had been living in the Watford City, ND area at the time of original arrest. She also has been known to go by the name Kimberly Stroud and Kimberly Stone. This warrant can be served in Montana or Surrounding States (ND,SD,WY and ID) Only Attention: The February 17, 2017 Crimestopper Wanted

Person John Joseph Puletu was taken into Custody.

If you have any information about Kimberly Dawn Edgman, you are urged to call CRIMESTOPPERS at 433-6666 Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. You can also contact Crimestoppers in Richland County anytime (24/7) by going to our New Crimestoppers website at www.richlandcs.com then going to Submit a Web Tip or by texting the code "CSRC plus your message to: 274637 (CRIMES). You can also contact the Richland County Sheriff's Office at 406-433-2919 or Sidney Police Department at 406-433-2210

Richland County Crimestopper is Working

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone. Wed., March 15

5 - 10 p.m. - Community Pint Night- Meadowlark Public House. \$1 for every pint sold will go to support a community organization.

Thurs., March 16

6 p.m. - Father Ned Shinnick Memorial Banquet - Social, dinner, program with live entertainment. Richland County Event Center. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at St. Matthew's Parish Center, Seitz Insurance and Tami Maltese

Fri., March 17

5-7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - This event also occurs on March 24, 31 and April 7. \$9 per person - St. Matthew's Church Parish Center, Sidney, MT.

7-10 p.m. - Bootlegger's Ball Goes Irish - Get dolled up in your favorite 20s glad rags; sample the different hooch offered, dine on hors d'oeuvres, enjoy music by The Relics and more. Transportation home will be provided. Tickets, VIP \$150; general admission, \$75. Tables will be available upon request, call 406-480-0029. Sidney Elks Lodge, 123 3rd St.

Sat., March 18

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - CHS Harvest for Hunger Chili Feed & Bake Sale - Free will donation for the chili feed. Bake sale, 9 a.m. until gone. Other donations can be made at the Sidney CHS Farmers Elevator, 1281 South Central, Sidney, MT or for more information call 406-433-1401.

Tues., March 21

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - MOPS - Mothers of 0-5 years old can come and connect, laugh, cry and embrace the journey of motherhood. Breakfast and childcare provided. Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church, 1100 Madison Lane, Sidney, MT. For more info contact Rachel Dasinger, 406-480-0924, sidneymops@hotmail.com.

Fri., March 24

11:30 a.m. - Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting - Rod Iron. RSVP by March 22. Call Sylvia, 798-3882 or Margaret, 488-4613.

Sun., March 26

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Sidney Plane Folks Indoor Fun Fly and Model Airplane Show - Come and enjoy watching model airplanes fly. Free to the public. Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$5. Bring the family and spend the day. Special guest will include Civil Air Patrol (weather permitting). Sidney-Richland Airport, hosted in

the Big Top hangar. Tues., March 28

5:30 p.m. - Grief Recovery Method Support Group - Do you have losses in life? Get help with an eight week program that gives you steps to become more complete and moves beyond your loss. St. Matthew's Parish Center, 310 7th Street, Sidney, MT. For more information contact Deb at 433-2389. Sat., April 1

6 p.m. - Celebrate Derby Style Richland County Boys & Girls Club - Meal, dessert, drinks, horse races, silent auction, unique trip raffle, live auction. Dress Kentucky Derby style. Tickets \$50 per person. Go to www.richlandbgc.org. to purchase tickets. Richland County Event Center.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Brew Ha-Ha - Fundraiser for Watford City Rotary and Young Professionals featuring food and beverage samples from area restaurants and games. Wear your green for the St. Patrick's Day costume contest. Tickets \$25 before the event, \$30 at the door. To purchase your pre-event ticket email ypofwc@gmail.com or ask any member of Rotary or Young Professionals. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND. Thurs., March 23

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Lead Local - Training that covers the components of an effective meeting, parliamentary procedure, how to work with different personality styles and conflict and more. Registration is \$65 covering lunch, breaks and materials and due March 16. Rough Ridder Center, Watford City, ND. For more information or to register contact the City, ND. For more information or to register contact the McKenzie County Extension Office at 701-444-3451.
6:30-8 p.m. - Parenting the Love & Logic Way - This free event also takes place on March 30, April 6, 13 & 20. NDSU Extension Service Office, 205 6th St. NW, Waford City, ND. Pre-register by Tuesday, March 21. Call 701-444-3541 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

Sun., March 26 Cancer Benefit for Marie Luchi and sausage breakfast, free-will donation. Auction/bake sale at Civic Center in Watford City. If unable to attend but would like to help visit www.gofundme.com/Marie Luchi or benefit account at First International Bank & Trust.

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Thurs., March 16
7 p.m. - Fort Buford History Book Club - Join history buffs in a discussion of this month's selected book, "Many Tender Ties," by Sylvia Van Kirk. Free refreshments. Please call in advance, 701-572-9034. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

Fri., March 17

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Confluence Quilters Monthly Meeting - All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Bring your own lunch and unfinished projects. This event continues on March 18. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

1-8 p.m. - Williston Sport & Recreation Show - This event continues 10 a.m.-7 p.m., March 18 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., March 19. Recreation vendors, tour new RVs, ATVs, boats, motorcycles and more. Raymond Family Community Center,

Williston, ND. 6-10:30 p.m. - Shamrockin' the Bakken Taste of Williston -Celebrate St. Patrick's Day listening to Whiskey Rebellion playing a variety of music and sampling hors d'oeuvres. For more information contact the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce, at www.willistonchamber.com or 701-577-6000.

Grand Williston Hotel. Sun., March 19

3 p.m. - The Lisenbee Family Concert - Free admission. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

Sat., March 25

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Historic Sewing Club - A group initiated by Fort Union to do historic period sewing. A presentation with instructions and information will be from 10 a.m.-noon and sewing will ensue from 1-3:30 p.m. Participants should bring their own materials and lunch. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

Dawson County

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone Wed., March. 15

12-1 p.m. - Lunch 'n' Learn - Sherry Corneliusen and Creuza Squires will help you get a head start on this years container/ patio gardening. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own lunch. Glendive Public Library Community Room, Glendive, MT. For more information http://tinyurl.com/prgkapr. Fri., March 17

6 p.m. - Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner - Open to the public, \$8 per person. VFW, 218 S Merrill Ave., Glendive, MT.

Mon., March 20
5-7 p.m. - CHS Harvest for Hunger - Indian Tacos. Food items

and/or free will donations accepted. Knights of Columbus Hall, 310 North Kendrick, Glendive, MT. Wed., March 22

12-1 p.m. - Food Lovers - Get together to exchange recipes and eat some delicious food. Glendive Public Library, 200 S. Kendrick Ave., Glendive, MT. 406-377-3633. Sat.. March 25

6:15 p.m. - "Battle of the Brains" Trivia Night - Doors open at 6:15 p.m., trivia starts at 7 p.m. Snacks will be provided. No host bar. Glendive Public Library. Only 16 teams, 8 players per team, \$20 per member. Pre-register and pay by March 24. Registration forms available at the library or download at the

link: Battle of the Brains, http://tinyurl.com/pufcjsl. Tues., March 28

7:30 p.m. - Alina Kiryayeva in Concert - Pianist and chamber musician. Dawson County High School Auditorium.











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Hughes Competes at New Balance **Nationals High School Championships**

GARRISON HUGHES

Garrison Hughes, Sidney, MT competed in the New **Balance Nationals High School Championships this** weekend in New York City, NY. He placed 7th out of 42 of the best Pole Vaulters in the nation with a jump of 16'1.25". The top 6 placers were named High School All Americans. Garrison is a Junior at Sidney High School and is coached by long time Sidney Pole Vault coach Steve Yockim. Earlier this year Garrison competed in the prestigious Simplot Games in Pocatello, ID and placed 2nd with a jump of 15'9". Garrison is the 2016 Montana State Class A State Champion and only the 2nd Montana High











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Richland County Crimestoppers Crime of the Week

This week Richland County Crimestopper is a Consumer Alert on a scam that is continually hitting our country and Richland County is not being left out. Law Enforcement in Richland County has received reports of many different scams over the years, but the IRS Scam is one being reported the most lately. In the United States thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams and fake IRS communication. Victims in Richland County have reported thousands of dollars lost to those claiming to be IRS agents.

How are these IRS-Impersonation Telephone Scams work-

Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer (money order or bank transfer). If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation and insults. Or, victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request. They will call repeated times and demand payment be sent trying to break the victim down.

Please always remember the following facts about the IRS THEY WILL NEVER:

Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe taxes.

Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Scammers Change Tactics --Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remain a major threat to taxpavers, but variation of the IRS impersonation scam continue year-round.

How to report Tax-Related Schemes, Scams, Identity Theft and Fraud.

Report instances of IRS-related phishing attempts and fraud to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484

Remember: The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. In addition. IRS does not threaten taxpayers with lawsuits, imprisonment or other enforcement action. Being able to recognize these telltale signs of a phishing or tax scam could save you from becoming a victim.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!!!!"

CRIMESTOPPERS reminds everyone to be careful and not to become a victim of a phone or social media scam. You do not win prizes or lotteries that you didn't enter, and then have to pay fees to get your prize money or gift. If you

have knowledge or information on any crimes in Richland County, contact CRIMESTOPPERS by calling 433-6666 Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. You can also contact Crimestoppers in Richland County anytime (24/7) by going to our New Crimestoppers website at www.richlandcs.com then going to Submit a Web Tip or by texting the code "CSRC plus your message to: 274637 (CRIMES). You can also contact the Richland County Sheriff's Office at 406-433-2919

The new Richland County Crimestoppers restarted in 2013 has already paid individuals providing information to law enforcement that led to the arrest of those committing crimes in Richland

Richland County Crimestoppers is asking anyone in the Savage and Lambert Communities that would be interested in serving on the Crimestoppers board in Richland County to please notify Undersheriff Robert Burnison with the Richland County Sheriff's Office at 406-433-2919

** Check the Wanted Person section of the Richland County Crimestoppers website www.richlandcs.com each week for those wanted in Richland County. At least one new entry will be posted each week with photo if available. Crimestoppers is asking for information that would help lead to the arrest of those with an active warrant in Richland County.

Remember: As with all Crimestoppers tips, calls are not recorded and the call will remain confidential. You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for information concerning this case or any other serious crime.

TRENTON INDIAN SERVICE AREA GENERAL ELECTION April 4, 2017

The 2017 General Election for one Chairperson-at-Large with term expiring in April 2021 and one District Candidate in each of Districts I, II and III with terms expiring April 2021 will be held on April 4, 2017. The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. (local time).

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Those voters unable or temporary absent for the Special Election may request an Absentee Ballot in writing. The deadline date to request an Absentee ballot is March 25, 2017. This is being done to give ...the voter sufficient time to permit the voter to execute and return the absentee ballot through the US Postal Service on or before the date of the election." All absentee ballots will be counted after all other ballots have been counted after polls close. To request an Absentee Ballot, please write to:

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CANDIDATE WATCHERS:

Deadline for candidates to submit a list of watchers to the Election Board is March 25, 2017. This will ensure a fair and orderly election pursuant to the Election Code "...Each candidate shall be entitled to have a watcher at the polls and the tallying, but such watcher shall in no way interfere with the conduct of the election." The counting of ballots will be held in the TISA Boardroom after all polls close. The Election Board, Administrative Counsel, and Candidate Watchers will be present at counting. The public will be invited for the certification of the Election after the counting.

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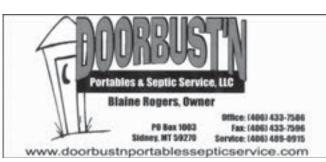
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Flatlander versus Mountain Woman

By Lois Stephens

This big, beautiful state of Montana has so much to offer with its varied geography, open country, and land-scapes that leave one amazed and humbled. The terrain certainly changes as one drives from one side of the state to the other. I have had the good fortune to live in eastern Montana on the glorious prairies and in southwestern Montana among the towering mountains. If I had to choose between plains and mountains, I'm not sure I could as both ends of the state have their own special beauty and unique attributes. Both have similarities as well as vast differences. Flat land and mountainous territory each have plenty to offer in beauty and simplicity, and both regions have provided me with a place to call home.

Moving from the east side of the state to western Montana has affected my life style in several different but equally satisfying ways. Eastern Montana has colder winters and hotter summers, on average, than does the western portion of the state. I remember weeks on end when temperatures did not rise above zero for the daily high temperature. Add a touch of wind of any strength, and wind chills plummeted to dangerous levels and stayed that way for days. I have experienced cold in western Montana as well, but it has never reached the extremes I've suffered through in eastern Montana.

Summers also arrive hotter and faster on the eastern side of the state than they do here in Virginia City. One particularly hot summer several years ago the temperature did not dip below 90 degrees for two weeks. Ninety degrees at night means enduring well over 110 during the daytime hours, which contributes to short tempers and people seeking shade and sipping iced drinks of any kind by 8 in the morning to try to beat the heat. I prefer the temperature fluctuations on the western side of the state to this sort of extremes.

However, I've had far more productive gardens in eastern Montana than I have had to date here in Virginia

City. Eastern Montana has longer growing seasons than we enjoy here. I've had no problems growing cold weather crops such as peas and onions in Virginia City, but I'm still struggling to find warm season vegetable varieties that do well in this climate and that actually have time to produce a decent crop between the last frost in the spring and the first fall frost.

My exercise habits have changed slightly since moving to the mountains. I walked and biked an enormous amount in eastern Montana. The eastern side of

the state does have hills and gradients, but nothing like we see here in the west. I used to bike for miles along the canal road, which afforded me excellent exercise without the hassle of traffic. Biking excursions began in the spring as soon as the snow melted and continued right through the fall or early winter, until the first snow or bitter cold forced me to park my wheels for the winter.

The same proved true for walking. Myriad places existed to walk, whether along the canal, down gravel roads, or across the prairie itself. Walking provided good exercise and I put miles on my shoes every day, rain or shine, hot or cold, 365 days of the year.

Since I moved to Virginia City, my biking has gone the way of the dinosaur. I have encountered serious

issues with my wheeled expeditions, as I have yet to find a level road anywhere. Roads in this mountain village definitely run uphill or down, no getting around it. Tour de France hopefuls might enjoy biking around here, but not this little old lady.

I've decided that within the next few years, I will gift myself to an electric bicycle. That way I can experience the fun of riding a bike, but I will not have to expend the enormous amount of energy required to pedal a regular bike from one point to the next in this mountainous area.

However, walking has become a lot more challenging for me here in the mountains. The same terrain that halted my biking activities has provided me with a fantastic way to enhance my daily walks. Hiking up the mountain gives me more exercise and satisfaction than walking for miles on the flat prairie. I appreciate my excursions and they provide me with more enjoyment than they ever did in eastern Montana.

The one feature I truly miss by living in the mountains involves the big sky of Montana. On the prairie you see for miles. Straight ribbons of road run ahead into the horizon, and the wide open sky hovers above. People who live on the prairie get to see magnificent sunrises and sunsets, something that I don't see here in Virginia City. This town sits in a bowl, surrounded by mountains. I see very little sky compared to what I saw in eastern Montana. By the time the sun pops over the mountain here, any sunrise has long since passed and the morning is half over. In the evenings, the sun slides behind the mountain long before sunset, so we miss the gorgeous showing that the sun can provide as it slips beneath the horizon for the day.

I miss watching the harvest moon, the hunter moon, and actually all the full moons as I saw them on the prairie. On the eastern side of this state, the huge orange full moon sits bloated on the horizon. It looks so large and heavy one wonders how it can ever lift itself up off the horizon and start its trek across the night sky. When it slowly rises, it shines with a magnificence I haven't seen since I moved to the western part of the state. Here in Virginia City, by the time the moon climbs over the mountain, it looks like a regular full moon. Very nice, but not spectacular since the most wonderful part of a full moon is the moon rise itself as it peeks out from the horizon and ascends majestically into the night sky. We here in Virginia City see the moon after it climbs above the mountain peak. It still shines brightly, but it has nowhere near the luster of the full moon sitting on the horizon at twilight.

I love the prairie and I love the mountains, each with its own special attributes. I have found contentment in both places, and I am grateful that I could experience the prairie in all its glory as well as live among the stately mountains.



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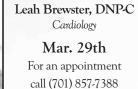


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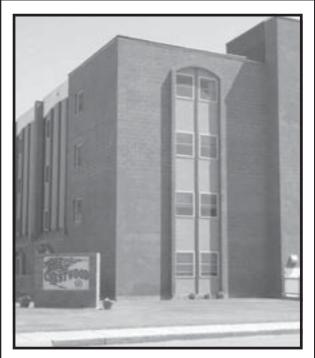
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Red Cross Calls On Montanans To Sign Up **To Volunteer During Red Cross Month**

March is Red Cross Month, a time when the Red Cross honors the volunteers, blood donors and financial contributors who bring help and hope to people during life's most trying emergencies.

"During Red Cross Month, we thank all those who support our humanitarian mission" said Anna Fernández-Gevaert, a spokesperson for the Red Cross. "It is also a great time to sign up to volunteer and to start training for our busiest disaster season here in Montana."

The Red Cross depends on volunteers to fulfill its mission. In fiscal year 2016, Montana Red Cross volunteers responded to 223 local emergencies, assisted 257 military families and trained 10,123 people in lifesaving skills. As part of our Home Fire Campaign, our volunteers visited 708 homes, installed 1,881 smoke alarms and assisted 528 households with developing home fire evacuation plans

"There are so many ways to contribute to our mission," said Fernández-Gevaert, a spokesperson for the Red Cross. "When you sign up to volunteer with the Red Cross, we work with you to find a role that is both challenging and fulfilling."

People who are interested in long-term volunteer op-

March is Colorectal Awareness Cancer Month Have you hit the big 5-0? It's time to get

By Maci Holst, BS **Chronic Disease Specialist Richland County Health Department**

tested!

Are you or is someone you care about 50 or older? Then it's time to talk with a health care provider about getting screened for colorectal cancer. The American Cancer Society recommends that everyone 50 and older be tested regularly. If you have family members with colorectal cancer or colon polyps, you should ask about getting tests at an earlier age.

In the United States, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death when men and women are combined. About 140,000 adults are diagnosed and more than 50,000 people die from colorectal cancer each year. In Montana, 500 people are expected to be diagnosed with colon cancer and 190 will die from the disease each year. Moreover, Montana has among the lowest screening rates nationwide.

Screening can save lives but only if people have it

There are several recommended screening test options, including: colonoscopy, stool tests (FIT Kits), and sigmoidoscopies. However, we know the best test is the one that gets done. You might be thinking, how much is the test going to cost? Well, most private insurance plans are now required to pay for colon cancer screenings, often with limited, if any, out of pocket cost to you. Check with

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About the American Red Cross:

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Patten Retires from Cornerstone Bank

After a distinguished career of more than 33 years in banking, Dale Patten is set to retire on March 31, 2017.

Patten began his banking career in 1983, shortly after McKenzie County Bank opened in Watford City. He has served in many leadership roles within the bank over his career starting as an ag lender, becoming a commercial lender, and then Market President.

Gary Petersen, Chairman of Cornerstone Bank said, "Dale has helped many farmers, ranchers and small business owners achieve their dreams. He became the person they turn to when they're making important decisions about their money."

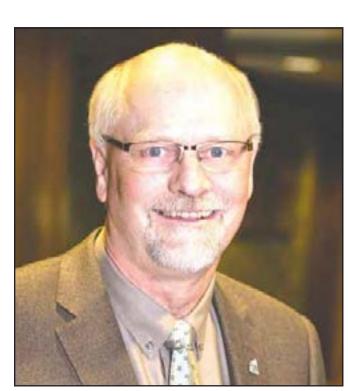
Petersen also credited Patten with providing great leadership during the energy boom in western North Dakota. Patten has been a leader in the community serving on numerous boards and as a McKenzie County Commissioner for 12 years. He also served on the North Dakota Bankers Association (NDBA) Board of Directors and chaired the NDBA Ag Committee. Dale has been and will remain a Who's Who of bankers in the farm, ranch and energy sectors.

So far, Patten's retirement plans include raising cattle and fishing.

The public is invited to a retirement open house in honor of Patten on Wednesday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cornerstone Bank (500 2nd Ave SW in Wat-

Wade Elder has been promoted to Market President in Watford City and is working to ensure a smooth transition for the Watford City clients and team. Elder has over 30 years of experience in banking in North Dakota and Montana. He joined the bank in March 2012 as a Commercial Lender.

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Mucho Si 2, LLC (Desiree Martha Guillen Molina, Owner) has applied to for a new Montana Retail On-Premises Consumption Restaurant Beer and Wine License to be operated at Mucho Si 2, 102 North Central Avenue, Sidney, Richland County. The public may protest this license in accordance with the law.

Who can protest this license? Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location (Richland), residents of adjoining Montana counties (Wibaux, Dawson, McCone, and Roosevelt), and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4)(d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.

What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name mailing address, and street address; (2) the license

number (27-270-6613-402) and the applicant's name (Mucho Si 2, LLC); (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be

considered one protest letter. What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will

be adversely and seriously affected. How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before April 10, 2017.

What happens if the license is protested?

Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Sidney. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protester's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protester's letter. Following the notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.

How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Michael Sell. Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Liquor Control Division, at (406) 444-3505

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Sidney School

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Wed., March 22: Spring break.

Savage School Thurs., March 16: Pizza. Fri., March 17: No school.

Mon., March 20: Spaghetti wiener casserole. Tues., March 21: Chicken a la

king. Wed., March 22: Hot ham and cheese

Rau School Thurs., March 16: Tuna casse-

role, corn, peaches. Fri., March 17: Hobo stew, jello with fruit, roll.

Mon., March 20: No school. Tues., March 21: No school. Wed., March 22: No school.

Froid School Thurs., March 16: Chili, cinnamon rolls, corn, salad bar, fruit,

Fri., March 17: Club sandwiches, macaroni salad, veggies, salad

bar, fruit, milk.

Mon., March 20 : Cheeseburgers, fries, veggies, salad bar,

Tues., March 21: Broccoli cheese soup, ham sandwiches, veggies, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Wed., March 22: Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, dessert, buns, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Bainville School Thurs., March 16: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, egg rolls, stir

fry, veggies, fruit. Fri., March 17: Stew, dinner roll, veggies, fruit cups.

Mon., March 20: Grilled chicken sandwich, french fries, veggies, fruit.

Tues., March 21: Lasagna, garlic toast, corn, peaches. Wed., March 22: Swedish meatballs, rice, green beans, fruit.

Culbertson School Thurs., March 16: Egg rolls, veggies, fruit, milk

Fri., March 17: Fish sticks, fries fruit, milk.

Mon., March 20: Turkey noodle soup, subs, fruit, milk. Tues.. March 21: Hamburgers.

chips, fruit, milk. Wed., March 22: Corn dogs, wedges, fruit, milk.

Richey School Thurs., March 16: Pizza, lettuce salad, jello, peaches, milk. Fri., March 17: No school.

Mon., March 20: Chicken fajitas, fresh veggies, applesauce, milk Tues., March 21: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches.

Wed., March 22: Slushburgers, smiley fries, green beans, pineapple, milk.

Lambert School Thurs., March 16: Chicken fajita,

fresh veggies, fruit, milk. Fri., March 17: Goulash, corn, buns, fruit, milk. Mon., March 20: Burrito, fresh

veggies, fruit, milk. Tues., March 21: Chicken alfredo, peas, fruit, milk.

Wed., March 22: Western casserole, green beans, fruit, milk. **Fairview School**

Thurs., March 16: Taco in a bag, mandarin oranges, dessert, milk Fri., March 17: No school. Mon., March 20: Hot dogs, fries,

pineapple, milk. Tues., March 21: Burritos, spanish rice, strawberry cup, dessert, milk

Wed., March 22: Sub sandwiches, chips, pears, milk.

Watford City School Thurs., March 16: Pasta with meat sauce, garlic breadstick veggie medley, shamrock sugar

cookie, fruit. Fri., March 17: No school. Mon., March 20: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, potato wedges, corn, pickle slices, chocolate

pudding. Tues., March 21: Breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cinnamon applesauce.

Wed., March 22: Hot ham and cheese croissant, smiley potatoes, steamed broccoli, brownies.





Left to right: Boston Peters, C.J. Nevins, Ian Jurgens, Sloan McPherson, and Logan Nelson (Coaches Dan and Max Peters). Photo by Dan Peters

Montana State AAU Tournament Results



Jett Jones pins his Great Falls opponent on his way to a State Championship at the Montana State AAU Tournament this weekend in Great Falls. (Photo by Erin

The Sidney Wrestling Club took 40 wrestlers to the Montana State AAU Tournament this weekend in Great Falls. Out of the 40 wrestlers, 21 wrestlers placed with four wrestlers winning state championships. The following are the age group, weight and

Midget 70 - Ryker Wise - 2nd Novice 60 - Reece Graves Novice 80 - Zander Dean - 1st Novice 140 - Chace Waters - 1st

Novice HWT - Caleb Kleinke 2nd

SB 75 - Kaden Wise - 5th SB 80 - Owen Lonski - 6th

SB 100 - Aden Graves - 1st SB 125 - Zander Burnison - 4th SB 130 - Shandyn Gurney

Cadet 90 - Kolby Huntzenbil-

Cadet 98 - Kaiden Cline - 4th Cadet 120 - Kade Graves - 3rd Cadet 132 - Kolton Reid - 5th Cadet 145 - Riley Waters - 6th

- 3rd Elite 145 - Jace Winter - 3rd Elite 152 - Avery Gurney - 3rd

Cadet 160 - Jett Jones - 1st

Cadet 285 - Trey Schepens

Elite 160 - Jace Jonhson - 3rd Elite 285 - Ryan Horner - 3rd

AJF Invitational Tae Kwon Do Tournament Results

Submitted by Mike Bergh

Three members of the Sidney Tendo Tae Kwon Do School traveled to Billings on Saturday, March 11 to participate in the 35th Annual AJF Invitational Tae Kwon Do tournament.

This tournament was held at the Billings West High School gym. The tournament was hosted by Park's Martial Arts Academy and directed by Grand Master Suk Byung Park.

Competition in forms, sparring, board breaking and Judo were held. Competing from Sidney and their results are as follows. Brielle Baxter in the 9 to 11 year old blue belt girls

sion placed third in forms and third in sparring. Faith Clark in the 12 to 14 year old blue belt girls

division placed third in forms and second in sparring.

Caleb Baxter in the 12 to 14 year old blue belt



(L-R) Caleb Baxter, Faith Clark



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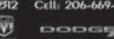
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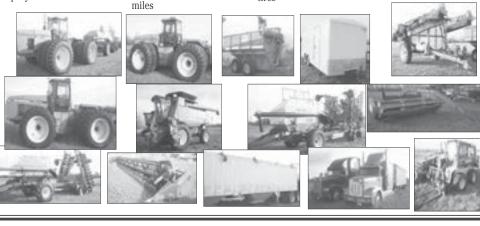
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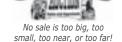
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2017 National Ag Day

Agriculture Council of America Announces 2017 National Ag Day Date & Theme

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) will host National Agriculture Day on March 21, 2017. This will mark the 44th anniversary of National Ag Day which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day 2017 is "Agriculture: Food For Life."

On March 21, 2017, ACA will host major events in the nation's capital including a breakfast event at the National Press Club as well as a Taste of Agriculture Celebration on the Hill. Additionally, the ACA will bring approximately 100 college students to Washington to deliver the message of Ag Day.

These events honor National Agriculture Day and mark a nationwide effort to tell the true story of American agriculture and remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us. A number of producers, agricultural associations, corporations, students and government organizations involved in agriculture are expected to participate.

National Ag Day is organized by the Agriculture Council of America.



ACA is a nonprofit organization composed of leaders in the agricultural, food and fiber community, dedicating its efforts to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society.

The National Ag Day program encourages every

- American to:

 Understand how food and fiber products
- are produced.Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and
- affordable products. f
 Value the essential N

role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.

 Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

In addition to the events in Washington, DC on March 21, the ACA will once again feature the Ag Day Essay Contest in addition to an Ag Day Photography Contest. The winning photograph will be part of the 2017 National Ag Day Poster.

Visit www.agday.org for more information on National Ag Day in 2017.

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New Family and Consumer Sciences Agent at MSU Ext. Office

By Joshua Smallwood

The Richland County MSU Extension Office welcomes its new Family and Consumer Sciences agent, Carrie Krug. Krug, originally from Laurel, MT graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with an emphasis on teaching and a Special Education endorsement. She began her new position on Wednesday, March 1st and has only lived in Sidney for a week. "I like it," said Krug, commenting on Sidney, "It'a a nice area."

Krug became interested in Family and Consumer Sciences during her time at Laurel High School while working closely with a well-liked teacher who worked in the field of FCS. Her interest was also increased by an involvement in 4-H since she was a child. Beginning work as an FCS agent has been an interesting experience. "I'm getting to know the community." said Krug. She will certainly become deeply involved in the community, working with the Richland County Nutrition and Cancer Coalitions, schools, 4-H programs and other local organizations. As a part of her duties, Krug will be working for MSU outreach, offering classes and programs related to the Family and Consumer Sciences field. Said Krug on her new venture, "I'm happy to be here, working with the community and making a difference." She can be reached at the Richland County Extension Office at (406) 433-1206



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Farm Bureau to Offer Four Scholarships to Students

Submitted by Rebecca Colnar, AgNewsWire

The Montana Farm Bureau is offering four scholarships to students seeking higher education: two from the MFB Foundation and two from the MFB Women's Leadership

A new scholarship available is the MFB Foundation's Future of Agriculture Honor Scholarship which will be awarded for the Fall 2017 semester. Its purpose is to assist students towards the completion of a degree in a field pertaining to agriculture. A special emphasis will be given to applicants who have shown ingenuity in agricultural production and advancement of small scale agriculture. This \$1,000 Future of Agriculture Honor Scholarship is administered by the Montana Farm Bureau Foundation through a generous donation from Seed Source, Inc. of Toston, MT.

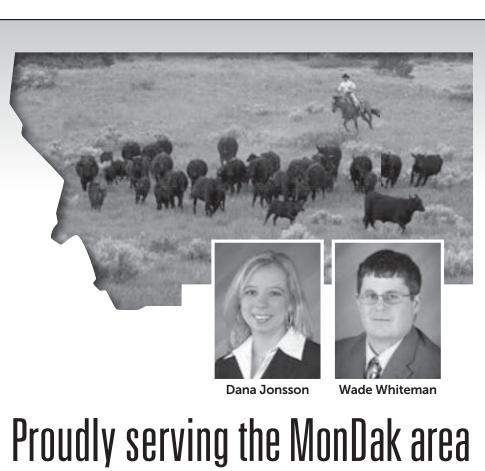
The Foundation is again offering the \$1500 Bernard Greufe Honor Scholarship, which was created to assist Montana Farm Bureau members and children of members in pursuit of higher education. The application must include a letter or statement from the applicant giving reasons for applying along with the applicant's future plans plus two letters of recommendation and grade transcripts.

Applications for the Future of Agriculture and Bernard Greufe Scholarship are due in the Montana Farm Bureau office by April 1, 2017. The Montana Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to deserving high school students judged on scholastic achievement and goals for college courses, as well as community and school activities. Applications for the WLC Scholarships must be submitted to the applicant's corresponding county Farm Bureau president by April 1, 2017. County president's contact information may be found at www.mfbf.org or on the final page of the online application. The WLC scholarships are awarded to children of Farm Bureau members.

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Lice in Cattle a Problem

NDSU Extension offers tips on controlling lice in cattle.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

Many North Dakota ranchers are faced with a continual lice infestation in their herd this winter, even though they have treated their cattle.

"Some have even treated more than once and are still seeing the effects of lice in their livestock," says Ashley Ueckert, a North Dakota State University Extension Service agent in Golden Valley County.

Unfortunately, lice populations are much more difficult to control than they were 10 years ago, according to Gerald Stokka, NDSU Extension veterinarian.

"We cannot be sure of the reason for reduced lice control, but the possibility of resistance to our control products is certainly on the minds of our veterinary practitioners," he says. "The effectiveness of the pioneer avermectin (macrocyclic lactone) products such as Ivermectin and Dectomax have led them to be used extensively.

"With the development of the 'pour on' products, along with the generic products, the use increased, and in some cases, these products were used multiple times per year," he adds. "So whether we are dealing with resistance in lice or less efficacy at the appropriate dose, the result is the same - a lack of control."

Here are a few options Stokka and Ueckert recommend for helping curb the lice outbreaks:

Leave the cattle alone. In many cases, the best solution may be to just leave the cattle untreated. Lice populations will begin to decrease in activity rapidly as the weather

Work with your veterinarian to determine the type of lice you are treating. The likely culprits are the biting lice. Biting lice feed on the dander and scurf on the cattle's skin and are controlled more effectively with a topical treatment. In contrast, sucking lice feed on blood and serum from the animal and are controlled more effectively with an injectable product that gets into the blood.

Use injectable and topical treatment to control of both types of lice.

"When looking at topical treatments to treat biting lice, it may be in your best interest to look for a name-brand product and to use one with a higher-volume dosage," Stokka suggests. "Biting lice will be controlled more effectively by the parasiticide if they come in contact with it; thus, the higher-dosage products will give you more coverage on the animal and more area for the lice to come in contact with the product."

Montana Agriculture Provides Abundance All Year

Submitted by Charles Boyer, MSU Vice President of Agriculture

As the days get longer and the weather warms, many of us begin to plan and dream of the upcoming growing season. Warmer seasons for many mean connecting with the land and enjoying the fresh produce from our efforts. This connection to our food and how it is produced is a fundamental aspect of our nature. For those in Montana on the

nearly 25,000 family farms and ranches, their connection is year-round. Whether they are feeding their livestock or protecting newly born calves from extreme weather and wildlife, ranchers are always on the clock. For farmers, they too are busy in winter months maintaining equipment for the upcoming season and monitoring global markets to decide when to move recently harvested crops to shipping points.

The dedication of these families provides all of us with the abundant, safe and diverse food we enjoy all year long. At your own tables this month, I challenge you to think deeply and with gratitude how agriculture impacts your life. March 21, 2017 is National Agriculture Day, marked by the Agriculture Council of America and celebrated nationally.

We in the Montana State University College of Agriculture and Montana Agricultural Experiment Station are proud to recognize National Agriculture Month.

Montana's agriculture industry is as diverse as the state's landscape -- farming and ranching are woven into our history, and our modern day family farms and ranchers are why it thrives today. Montanans feed the world with our livestock, wheat and pea and lentil crops. Our products are valued the world over for their quality, creating an economic impact in our state that exceeds \$4 billion annually. Montana grows the most pulse crops (pea, lentil and chickpea) of any state in the

nation, and we have the most bumble bee species, a master pollinator, of any state as well. The artisan microbrews we love so much come from Montana barley fields.

With a changing climate, limited natural resources including water, and new and emerging pests and diseases, production agriculture has never been easy. Yet, like our connection to our gardens, Montanans remain resilient in the ever-changing conditions of agriculture. When we see the risk agriculture requires, I'm continually taken aback that our own MSU College of Agriculture is one of MSU's fastest-growing colleges, one year shy of a decade of enrollment growth. That tells us something: young people have the same passion for how we manage our natural resources, food and fiber production. The future is in good hands.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to those who work in Montana agriculture and to those who will one day fill their shoes. Thank you to all who work in agriculture during this celebratory National Ag month and every day.

Charles Boyer is the first vice president of agriculture at Montana State University. He oversees five academic departments and seven remote research centers across Montana, encompassing the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. The MSU College of Agriculture has delivered agriculture teaching, research and outreach for Montana since 1893.

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Dr. Robert Fraley is executive vice president and chief technology officer at Monsanto. He has been with the company for 35 years, and currently oversees the company's global technology division which includes plant breeding, plant biotechnology, ag biologicals, ag microbials, precision agriculture and crop protection.

Often recognized as the father of agricultural biotechnology, he developed the first genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in the early 1980s as a solution for farmers battling pests and weeds that threatened their yields.

Throughout his career, he has contributed to years of agricultural development through a number of significant activities, including authoring more than 100 publications and patent applications relating to technical advances in agricultural sciences.

THURSDAY — March 23

9:00 a.m. Doors Open / Visit Exhibits

10:15 a.m. Program Announcements / Recognition

10:25 a.m. 'Know Your Airspace – Rules for Drone Operators and UAS

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By Marcia Hellandsaas **NDSU Extension Agent McKenzie County**

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A live presentation from NDSU will be delivered to the NDSU Extension Service/McKenzie County or gardeners may participate online at home. Free samples of bulbs, seeds and miscellaneous gardening supplies will be provided at the McKenzie County Extension Service site for those traveling to the office for class.

Below is a listing of topics covered in this series:

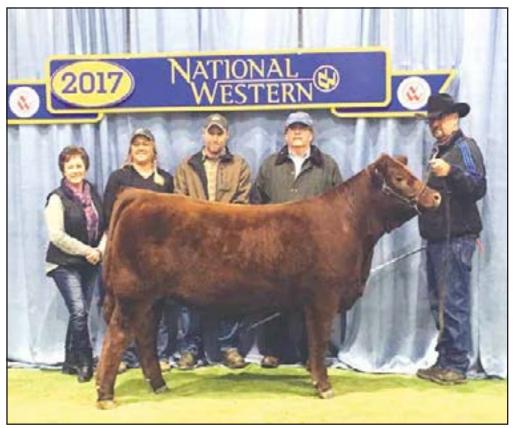
Flowering Shrubs Raspberries Juneberries Prairie Meadows **Grafting Apples** Insect Traps **Shade Gardens**

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All sessions are free of charge. For specific information and to register go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever. You may also call the NDSU Extension Service in McKenzie County at 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu.

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RAO Salers Receives Honor at Western Stock Show

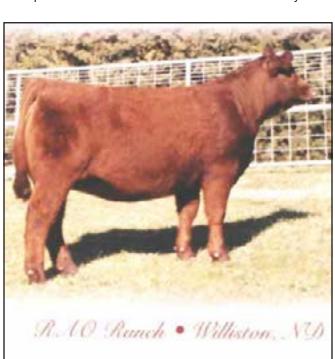
By Jordan Hall

The Western Stock Show, held in Denver for its 111th year, attracted 684,580 visitors from across the country. Beginning on January 7 and ending 16 days later, the agricultural extravaganza displayed a variety of over 15 thousand animals. Numerous awards were given to the best livestock in several categories, and over ten million dollars in livestock dealing transpired. Among the participants drawn to the Western Stock Show was the Olsen family of Williston, North Dakota.

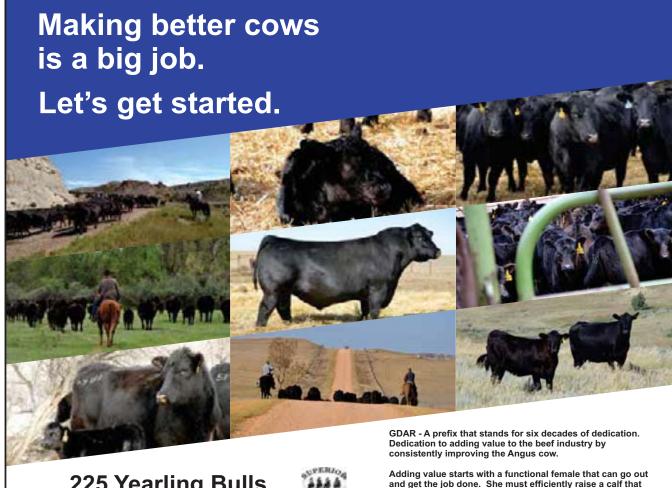
The Olson family, led by patriarch Roger Olson, has been attending the Western Stock Show for the last three years, and first attended the show over thirty years ago. This year Roger, his wife Helen, and son Curtis came away with a special honor. Their heifer, topping the sale among Salers cattle, was chosen to represent the quality of the breed by the American Salers Association. The Olsons feel privileged that their heifer will be highlighted in an upcoming edition of the Association.

Curtis Olsen, speaking of the Western Stock Show, explained that in addition to the festivities and fun events that are planned throughout the show, there are good business reasons

The exposure granted the Olson's regarding their heifer topping its sale category, is great advertising indeed. When asked why he chose the Salers breed, Olson explained that it is a large breed, hardy, and easily bred. The Olsons also sell bulls. Their plan is to return to the Western Stock Show next year.







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Fairview FFA Helps Out at MonDak Ag Days

By Anna Dragseth

On Thursday, March 2, Fairview's Future Farmers of America (FFA) helped serve food at the Richland County area at the Mondak Ag Days banquet. Mondak Ag Days & Trade Show is an annual event that provides the newest technology and education related to agriculture production with new innovations in the farming world.

The FFA members served cranberry cake with butter sauce dessert and helped clean up after the event. Lexie Selting, Fair-

view's FFA secretary said," I enjoyed helping out and talking to farmers from around our area. Our FFA chapter has been trying to reach out wherever we can to let everyone know that we are back in full motion. Overall it was a good turn out and I can't wait till next year!"

Chad Prather, who is a comical speaker from Texas, was the entertainer for the night. Tickets were sold out prior to the start of the show. Vanessa

Pooch, Fairview's FFA advisor,

said, "Ag Days went well. I was very impressed with the attendance at the banquet Thursday night. It was nice to see a large crowd from an even larger area in the Mondak Region. I will absolutely do it again. It's always nice to see locals come in and learn about new technology and advancements in agriculture, as well as enjoy an evening together as an industry. And that is the sole purpose of MonDak Ag Days."





FFA members with Chad Prather. Left to right: Alex Young, Jaycie Rau, Lexie Selting, Grace Dragseth, Chad Prather, Becca Deming, Ally Young, Anna Dragseth and Jade Lawhead.



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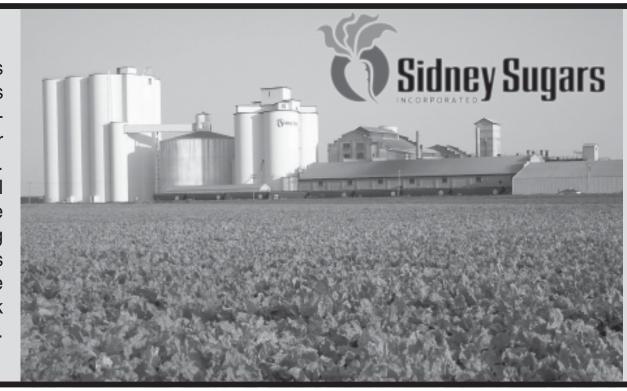






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Your Boots On The Hill:

Seed Bill Needs More Montana Voices

By Nicole Rolf and Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

This week, the House Agriculture Committee heard what was arguably one of the most important pieces of legislation to agriculturalists in Montana this session. Senate Bill 155 the "seed bill" -- aims to provide consistency in our state's seed laws and protect the private property rights of Montana's family farmers and ranchers. This is a piece of legislation written as a result of collaboration among Montana's leading agricultural organizations and their grassroots memberships.

Farmers in our state grow crops based on upon a few key principals: one of those is, what market demand exists for that product and secondly, what crops make the best use of their specific climate, soil condition and other available natural resources. When it comes to regulatory authority, the sole focus should be on maintaining a level playing field, preventing unnecessary financial and regulatory burdens and allowing farmers and ranchers to make the best market-driven business decisions they know how.

In the House Agriculture Committee hearing on the bill this week, Chester, Montana farmer and co-owner of Stricks Ag, LLC, Jillien Streit testified in favor of the bill

"We own and lease land in three counties and grow convention and organic products, plus handle conventional and organic products. Senate Bill 155 would protect our operation in many ways. We need the flexibility to make the best decision based on our farms and our business needs." Streit said.

Don Steinbeisser Jr., a Sid-

fied on behalf of the bill: "Having consistent ag production laws in Montana is very important to me. Many of us farm fields in more than one county. Having different rules in each county would make management a nightmare and add costs to the crops that we simply do not need and nor can we afford," Steinbeisser said. "Being free to make cropping decision on my farm that make economic sense is very important for the future of my farm and agriculture in Montana." We commend these and other Farm Bureau members who took the time to come to Helena and share why this bill matters to them. Your voice matters, too. One of the great challenges of passing good, pro-agriculture legislation is the fact that there is a very small number of Legislators who are actually engaged in production agriculture. That number is particularly small in the House Agriculture Committee. Please

the seed bill is important to you.
House Bill 342: Sponsored by Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R) HD-17, Fairfield. Heard in Senate Judiciary Committee Thursday, March 9. This bill adds a definition of agri-tourism to the list of Montana recreational activities in which participants assume the liability for the inherent risks of those activities. Montana Farm Bureau member policy supports this addition, as it offers the potential for farmers and ranchers to reach out to our communities with less liability risk.

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Most people in our country are three or four generations removed from the farm or ranch, and less than 2 percent of our nation's population is engaged in production agriculture. But there is a growing interest in where America's food comes from. Agri-tourism has become a popular way to diversify farm income and make a connection with consumers who want to know more about agriculture. While House Bill 342 doesn't remove all liability, it does limit the liability farmers and ranchers might be exposed to based upon the inherent risks of participating in a farming or ranching activity. This bill would offer a little more peace of mind to farmers and ranchers who want to "open the barn doors" to tours, activities, ranch visits and more.

Senate Bill 327: Reduce the Montana business equipment tax Sponsored by Sen. Roger Webb (R) SD-23, Billings. Heard in Senate Taxation Committee Thursday, March 9.

This bill would increase the class eight business equipment tax exemption levels. Class eight equipment includes all agricultural implements and equipment that are not exempt under other exemption titles, in addition to mining, manufacturing, some medical equipment, communication equipment and a few other items.

Currently, the first \$100,000 of market value class eight property of a person or business entity is exempt from taxation. This bill would amend that to \$350,000, while providing for a reimbursement to local governments for the missed tax dollars. This is a win-win for equipment-heavy agriculturalists. The bill also provides a back fill to county governments from the General fund, making them whole in lieu of that tax revenue. Montana Farm Bureau member policy supports this tax relief bill.

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Senator Steve Daines receives the Friend of Farm Bureau award in his office in Washington, D.C. Pictured left to right are Montana Farm Bureau members Turk Stovall, Joy and Tom DePuydt, Senator Daines, MFBF National Affairs Director Nicole Rolf, Bruce Wright, Gary Heibertshausen and Larry Switzer.

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Senator Daines Receives Friend of Farm Bureau Award

Submitted by Rebecca Colnar, AgNewsWire

The Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) has presented Montana Senator Steve Daines a "Friend of Farm Bureau Award." Daines received the award from MFBF members who were in the national's capital for the American Farm Bureau Advocacy Conference.

"We are very honored to present this award to Senator Daines. He has been a real champion for agriculture and

rural Montana," said MFBF Director of National Affairs Nicole Rolf. "Whether it's supporting good legislation to protect farmers from harmful rules and inconsistent regulations, protecting the safety net provided in the Farm Bill, working to preserve important tax provisions and get rid of others that unfairly burden farmers and ranchers, he's been there to fight for us. We thank Senator Daines for his work and appreciate that he always remembers the importance of Montana agriculture."
The American Farm Bu-

reau Federation gives the "Friend of Farm Bureau" award to members of Congress who have led on issues critical to farmers and ranchers across the country, supported Farm Bureau issues, as demonstrated by their voting records, and who were nominated by their respective state Farm Bureau. The Montana Farm Bureau is the state's largest agricultural organization with more than 22,000 member families.

Letter to the Editor: Action on Infrastructure

In President Trump's recent joint address to Congress, he called for a national time of rebuilding, while recalling the last great infrastructure undertaking in our country, the Interstate Highway System under President Eisenhower.

A few weeks ago I toured the modern marvel that is the Hoover Dam—an infrastructure investment that has provided irrigation for millions of acres, electricity for millions of homes, and which after 80 years, is still used today.

Here in Eastern Montana, we can quickly think of one infrastructure project that has been transformative for our region, the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project. None of the highways, dams, or irrigation canals mentioned above were cheap, but think how many livelihoods depend on them either directly or indirectly.

Today in Montana we are unfortunately facing challenges in funding basic infrastructure like roads and bridges. The Montana Department of Transportation is dealing with long-term shortfalls that threaten the safety of our roadways, through cuts to the Montana Highway Patrol of 27 positions, continued delays of long overdue highway projects, and

by a loss of matching federal highway funds.

Long-term funding problems for our roads and bridges aren't new, but have been identified as being unsustainable with current funding sources since 2001.

Representative Frank Garner, R-Kalispell, introduced House Bill 473 to address these transportation funding problems. The proposal would generate an additional \$64 million for road work by raising the fuel tax from 27 cents to 35 cents per gallon of gas, for the first time since 1994. The bill is supported by counties, municipalities, a coalition of non-governmental organizations, and a bipartisan group of local officials from across Montana.

This proposal would provide a sustainable funding model for the Department of Transportation for years to come, help Montana leverage hundreds of millions of dollars in matching federal highway funds (a ratio of roughly 7:1 federal dollars to state dollars, depending on the project) and send a greater amount of fuel-tax money back to counties and municipalities. The current fuel-tax allocation to be divided between all cities and counties-unchanged since 1983—is \$16.7 million. HB 473 would increase this amount by \$24 million.

What will HB 473 do for Eastern Montana? It will help fund the following MDT projects: \$15 million upgrade of Hwy 200 between Sidney and Fairview, US 2 - Culbertson, 1-mile Major Rehabilitation, Savage N&S, 8-mile Overlay, Beaver Creek-Wibaux, 2-mile Bridge Replacement, Fairview-West, 6-mile Reconstruction, Bainville-East, 8-mile Reconstruction, SF-159 So Wibaux curve improvement, 5-mile Safety improvement, SF-169 S of Glasgow safety improvement, 1-mile Safety/ Slope Flattening, and SF-149 Forsyth median barrier, 2-mile Safety/guardrail skid treatment.

Currently a mere \$2.2 million has been spread out among 15 Eastern Montana counties each year, of the \$16.7 million for counties and



Joel Krautter

municipalities. HB 473 would increase this allocation to \$5.4 million.

One may wonder why the gas tax should be raised 8 cents? It's due to a combination of factors-a rise in fuel efficiency standards and electrically enhanced cars have allowed drivers to travel more miles while buying less gas, coupled with a steady rise in the cost of road construction labor and materials. In calculating inflation on \$0.27 in 1994, this would be the equivalent of \$0.44 today, showing that a raise of \$0.08 doesn't even keep up with inflation.

Montanans know we depend on our road system on a daily basis for hauling goods to market, traveling for work or pleasure and for bringing money into our state from the approximately 12 million tourists who visit every year.

Good roads and bridges are critical to a healthy economy and continued development of our state, counties, and municipalities. An 8 cent per gallon user fee raise after 23 years to ensure we continue to have the roads and bridges we need is reasonable.

Now is the time for area legislators to show political courage and stand with local government officials and citizens from across Eastern Montana who are counting on getting the job done this time. I urge you to contact your legislator to vote "yes" on HB 473 and together, let's send a clear message that we can all agree on properly funding and maintaining basic necessities like our roads and bridges.

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